

# BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

## *Write-Way Prison Ministries*

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A Bible Correspondence School (Authorized Distributor for *Emmaus Worldwide*)

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*"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them." Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV)*

### HONORING EMMAUS WORLDWIDE

WPM's parent company

Emmaus Worldwide, formerly Emmaus Correspondence School, was formed in 1942 when the Plymouth Brethren founders had overflowing evening classes and were thus compelled to provide correspondence courses for the high demand across the country and Canada. Early on, the correspondence school was associated with Emmaus Bible College, now Emmaus University (2024), in Dubuque, Iowa. One of our leading authors of Bible courses (23 titles) was William MacDonald. He was president of the college from 1959 to 1965. He also authored the popular *Believer's Bible Commentary*.

In 2002 Emmaus became independent of the Bible college and was renamed ECS Ministries. In 2020 the name was changed to Emmaus Worldwide to reflect the international outreach of the ministry. Today Emmaus Worldwide provides Bible correspondence studies internationally in 84 languages in more than 110 countries. They also provide the studies to the USA domestic population and churches for a fee. Those fees help subsidize the free courses to prisoners.

In 1972 the ministry administration perceived that correspondence courses were ideal for reaching inmates in the jails and prisons. Emmaus currently oversees 26 state coordinators in the prison program who provide a study curriculum for the prisoners in their particular states. Each state uses the Emmaus courses and may use additional materials, such as the Navigator discipleship courses. State coordinators design their own curriculum and raise funds to support the outreach. All staff and graders/counselors are volunteers. In 1982 Ralph Nichols was appointed the first coordinator for Texas. We have grown to include inmates in Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Iowa.

By 2017 all the courses were digitalized and available for a fee on the Emmaus web site ([www.emmausworldwide.org](http://www.emmausworldwide.org)). With the inclusion of tablets in jails and prisons over the past five years, Emmaus contracted with EDOVO in 2023 to provide 50 of the courses to the prison population. An additional 50 courses will be added later this year. As of today, the Emmaus courses are accessible to more than 945,000 inmates on their tablets across this country! In addition to that amazing fact, the Emmaus courses are now available FREE in 32 languages on the Bible app (<https://emmaus-app.com>) for phones and computers. Is that not amazing?!!

It is an honor to be affiliated with such a dynamic ministry and diligent administration, faithful to the Lord and His Kingdom these many years. Patrick Clough is the current new President, and I know he would appreciate your prayers as Emmaus, and the prison ministry in particular, faces many ever-changing challenges.

### Luke 24:13-27 (edited)

*"Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called **Emmaus**, which was seven miles from Jerusalem... So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. And He said to them, 'What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?'*

*"So they said to Him, 'The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people...crucified"*

*"Then He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?' And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**That we would have an increasing number of teammates who would be able to take our courses into the county jails and/or teach a class inside.**

## OUR MISSION

To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in TX, LA, MS, NM, and IA through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses that are free, postpaid, and volunteer counseled.

**Nothing is sweeter than accolades. They are evidences of work well done. Relish these.**

“Thank you for all that you do – for all of us! I have been so blessed by the lessons and your ministry!”

**John**

“Thank you for the almost seven years you’ve contributed these studies. They have helped me so much.”

**Gilberto** (in Spanish)

“I want to express my sincerest gratitude for the studies that have been provided to me, which have increased my knowledge of God’s Word tremendously.” **Lee**

“Thank you for sending me this lesson (*Born to Win*). I enjoyed it and will reflect on it a few more times!”

**Alan**

“I want to thank y’all for the work y’all do in the name of Jesus. I always learn from the studies I get from y’all. I really enjoyed *Proverbs for Life*.” **Rigo**

“I see the need for this ministry. Keep up the wonderful work.” **Sharron** (a grandmother of our student)

“I just wanted to thank you for these lessons. I really enjoy doing them and they have helped.” **Jeff**

“Thank you so much for your kind words and also for your encouragement. It’s really nice to have the personal touch. I feel it keeps me motivated, especially being a newer Christian who struggles with past histories.” **Rob**

“Thank you for your letter checking on my studies and my well-being. I am thoroughly enjoying these books and relishing what I have learned. Every book has registered on me one way or another.” **David**

## BY THE NUMBERS

	March 2025	YTD 2025	
<b>Ministry Statistics</b>			
Enrolled Students	2,443	2,541	avg
Enrollees - <i>Born to Win</i>	231	618	
Professions of Faith	3	7	
Course Books Mailed	1,584	4,627	
Course Exams Completed	984	3,019	
Graduates 72+ units	6	14	
<b>Program Gifts and Expenses</b>			
Expenses:	\$9,812.17	\$33,453.02	
Postage:	<b>\$2,914.11</b>	<b>\$13,290.71</b>	
Courses:	<b>\$3,691.60</b>	<b>\$10,811.86</b>	
Staff support:	<b>\$160.00</b>	<b>\$1,377.00</b>	
Qtrly Insurance	<b>\$1,573.75</b>	<b>\$1,573.75</b>	
Paper/Envelopes	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,105.90</b>	
Other:	<b>\$1,472.71</b>	<b>\$5,293.80</b>	
Donations:	<u>\$8,282.98</u>	<u>\$32,770.31</u>	
Acct Dividends	<u>\$1,678.36</u>	<u>\$4,887.37</u>	
<b>NET:</b>	<b>\$149.17</b>	<b>\$4,204.66</b>	

## Announcement: FREE Emmaus Bible study app!

Emmaus Worldwide now has their studies in 32 languages on an app for phones and tablets. Go to <https://emmaus-app.com>. Scripture references are in NIV or ESV.

“I was on the Bible course while I was in jail [I am currently in the hospital and doing well.] I thank you all for an opportunity to learn and understand from the Word of the Lord. This is such a beautiful journey of life. All these trials are indeed just a test to get more faith.” **Tin**

“My name is **Gabriela** and I was a student for about two years or more. I’ve been in different federal institutions and asked my family to search on the Internet for your name. I’ve just been changed to this institution and found the book, *The Epistles of John*, with your address stamped on it! I praise the Lord for this beautiful grace, for only He alone knows how my heart longs to study these courses.”

“Thank you so very much for your time today and your consideration in helping me collect materials to submit for my Parole release plan. I am beyond grateful for both Emmaus Worldwide and Write-Way Prison Ministries for keeping me busy and accountable in my walk in faith and in my relationship with the Lord of my life, Jesus Christ!” **Dillon**